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SUBJECT: PLANT QUARANTINE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR SEEDS

REF: STATE 127697

1. FOLLOWING STATE CABLE IS REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION: QUOTE THE PLANT QUARANTINE REGULATIONS OF SAUDI ARABIA ADMINISTERED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER IN RIYADH, STATES IN ARTICLE 6, THAT SEEKS AND GRAINS IMPORTED FOR PROPAGATION MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY THE PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE FROM THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN STATING THAT SUCH SEEDS WERE GIVEN NECESSARY SEED TREATMENT WITH A FUNGICIDE.

2. APHIS URGENTLY NEEDS TO KNOW IF THIS SEED TREATMENT APPLIES TO ALL VEGETABLE SEEDS INCLUDING LETTUCE, EGGPLANT, ENDIVE, PARSLEY, PARSNIP, RADISH, AND TOMATO. SOME SEED COMPANIES ARE RELUCTANT TO APPLY A FUNGICIDE - INSECTICIDE DRESSING TO CERTAIN VEGETALBE SEEDS AS THIS TENDS TO RETARD GERMINATION OR INDUCE DORMANCY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONTACTING THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER IN RIYADH CONCERNING THIS MATTER. AN AIR FREEIGHT SHIPMENT FROM ASGROW SEED COMPANY IS BEING DELAYED UNTIL WE RECEIVE A CLARIFICATION OF THE REGULATIONS.

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